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# News Release

## **AVIATION STUDENT ARRESTED BY ICE IN NORTH CAROLINA**

*Student failed to reveal true intentions*

Greensboro, N.C.—A 44-year-old aviation student was arrested here Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents for being in violation of U.S. immigration laws.

Alaa Fouad Shalan, a native of Egypt and citizen of Canada, entered the country on July 19<sup>th</sup> as a Canadian at Detroit, Michigan. An ICE investigation revealed that Shalan misrepresented himself when applying for admission into the country by failing to reveal that he intended on attending a flight school in Miami, Florida without the appropriate non-immigrant visa.

The investigation also revealed that Shalan had represented himself as a United States citizen to gain employment in the aircraft industry. ICE agents charged Shalan with non-possession of a valid non-immigrant visa, fraud and misrepresentation of a material act.

“Those who fail to reveal their true intentions when entering the country will experience the full weight of the law,” said Kenneth A. Smith, special agent-in-charge in Atlanta. “People like Shalan who think that they can break our laws unnoticed must think twice because we will find you.”

Shalan is currently being detained at the Forsyth County Jail in Winston-Salem, N.C. pending the outcome of his case. The ICE investigation into the case is ongoing.

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